in the etficacy and competence of the Administrative apparatus.

(c) and (d) Analysis and assessment of law and order and security scenario in the country is an ongoing process in the Central Government, keeping in view its constitutional obligations. In the process of discharging these obligations the Central Government also interacts with the State Governments. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration to depute *tuy* team to Maharashtra or any other Stete.

Linguistic Survey

3885. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any linguistic survey of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of people speaking vernaculars language is on the decline;

(d) if so, the factual position thereof indicating the number of people speaking vernaculars languages; language-wise in 1971 and 1991; and

(e) the steps being taken to arrest the declining trend of vernacular speakers?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The comparison of 1971 and 1991 Census language figures does not indicate any declining trend in general among the vernacular languages except six vernacular languages.

(d) Language-wise figures as per the 1971 and the 1991 Censuses for vemacular languages where the number has declined are given below:

s. No	Name of the bnguage	Number of Speaken	
		1971 Ceonit	1991 Cenw*
	Bhuinij	S1,6S1	4S,302
	Dogri	1,299,143	89,681*
	Jatapa	36,4S0	2S,730
	Komte	33,720	17,864
	Lahnda	41,935	27386*
	Paiji	73.912	44,001

'Decrease in tpeaken ttiengtb in 1991 CHWII for Dogri and Lahnda can be attributed due to non inclusion of figures of speaken of these two languages of Jammu and Kashmir as 1991 Census wu not conducted in this State.

(e) Since the general declining trend is not evident from the census data, the question of taking remedial steps does not arise.

Factors for decline in vernacular speaking populace

3886. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Wm the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of people speaking important Indian Languages such as Malayalam, Oriya, Sindhi, Konkani, Telugu, Tamil, Kanna-da, Assamee and Marathi etc. has been declining over past three years;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such decline; and

(c) what steps have been proposed by Government to enhance *UtS>9* vernacular languages in near future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Since no census has been conducted during the last three yean, the information sought is not known.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.